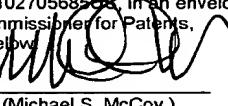


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2000, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application as set forth below:

**In the Claims**

**Please amend the following claims:**

54. (Amended) A disposable absorbent article having a pair of longitudinally extending side edges and a pair of end edges defining a front waist region, a back waist region, and a crotch region, said article comprising:

a topsheet layer;

a backsheet layer;

an absorbent core disposed between said topsheet and said backsheet;

a pair of side walls, each side wall having oppositely disposed end portions, wherein one of said side walls extends generally longitudinally between said core and one of said side edges and said other side wall extends generally longitudinally between said core and said